

PROCLAMATION

An outstanding education is one of the most important things a person can receive. With the knowledge and insight that our students gain in our schools, they will be prepared to continue our Golden State's legacy of excellence, make brilliant new discoveries and find solutions for challenges we will face. It is our responsibility to make certain our future leaders are given the tools they need to achieve their goals.

California is proud to be home to thousands of fantastic schools, ranging from colleges and universities to charter schools, preschools and more. These centers of learning are committed to sharpening the minds of their students, and I am especially grateful for the teachers, administrators, support staff, parents and volunteers who have contributed to our education system. They play a vital role in our success, and I give them all big hand for their hard work.

This week, we celebrate the many accomplishments of our state's schools and students and also promote one of the most unique learning experiences: international education. By studying in another country and welcoming students from around the world to our Golden State, we can encourage mutual growth and understanding and build strong relationships with our neighbors. These connections will in turn lead to peace and goodwill, both in our nation and across the globe.

It is important that we renew our dedication to our schools and continue to find innovative learning strategies, including international education. By doing so, we will ensure that not only our scholars, but also our state, will have bright futures.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim November 16-20, 2009, as "Education Week."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 12th day of November 2009.



ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
Governor of California

ATTEST:

DEBRA BOWEN
Secretary of State